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SUBJECT: Meeting Between CARTER and DARIUS

DARIO 1. A meeting occurred Between Oscar H. CARTER
and on Sunday, 6 June.

2. Various commissions have arrived in the capital from different sections of the country. Because of the arrest of Gabriel Martínez del Rosal their usual method of contact has been lost to them.

3. As a result, many of these persons have been going to CARTER's house to ask what they should do in view of the recent events - arrests, flights, of the anti-Communist leaders. Word has been and is being passed along to these people that they will be placed in contact with a new person as soon as possible, and that these recent events have not changed the over-all planes.

4. The situation in the departments is very serious. The government there is able to operate much more cruelly and repressively than here in the capital. Arrests there go unpublicized because of the people's lack of rapid and effective means of communication and their isolation.

5. The people in the departments in many places are "desesperadas" and say they cannot wait any longer - either action must come soon, or there will not be any resistance left facing the government. Each day there are more "capturas" by the government forces, more persecution. Many people state that if action does not come soon, they are going to have to flee to other places to avoid reprisals. The government has taken fingerprints and other data from members of the anti-Communist filiales, and the people fear that any time the government wishes to begin a mass wave of captures it can do so, and the whole movement of anti-Communists will be disrupted.

6. CARTER states that if action does not come soon or something is done to calm these people, they are liable to take matters into their own hands - which can either result in success for them if they are lucky - or be a complete disaster for the entire anti-Communist movement here in Guatemala.

7. CARTER has attempted to indicate to these people that everything continues to go forward, that they must keep up hope, and they must wait without committing anything foolish. They must work "por bajo" (undercover) in order to avoid attacks, and to keep the filiales united.

8. However, it is one thing to give out the counsel - and it is another thing to be able to accept it under the present conditions existing in the departments.

9. Among the commissions which have arrived this past week from the departments are those from Boca del Monte, Mazatenango, Escuintla, Palencia. CARTER does not have the names of other commissions.

10. Reportedly, Friday night the radio clandestina asked the people of the capital to congregate in front of the Palacio Nacional. A considerable number of people did so, even though it was raining. The government sent out trucks with soldiers and police in jeeps, armed with ametralladoras. Nothing occurred, and the people dispersed.

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